

(MORES). While osteoporosis screening is common for women, many men who are at risk for this bone disease are not regularly checked. MORES provides a quick and easy way to identify men who may need further screening and possibly treatment for osteoporosis.

The development of MORES and the new use of *Listeria monocytogenes* are just two of the advances in medical research to come out of UTMB. UTMB is one of America's leading centers of medical research, as well as a source of quality health care for the people of the Gulf Coast of Texas. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to extend my congratulations to the researchers involved in these recent breakthroughs and to everyone associated with UTMB for their tireless work to improve health care.

HONORING RETIRING ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATOR DR. BARRY WEINSTEIN

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the long service of Dr. Barry A. Weinstein, a dedicated public official representing the town of Amherst as a member of the Erie County Legislature whose service to that body—but not to our community—will conclude on December 31, 2007.

Dr. Weinstein was elected to the Legislature in November of 2007, and his impact upon the Legislature was nearly immediate. A former member and President of the Williamsville Central School Board, Dr. Weinstein's experience at that level benefited him in that he would look beyond political partisanship and toward the betterment of our community.

Since his initial election, Dr. Weinstein served in a number of leadership roles in the Legislature, including multiple terms of service as Majority Leader and as Minority Leader. Dr. Weinstein's commitment to his constituents and to the thoughtful and respectful conduct of the people's business was vast indeed.

That commitment, however, will not end with the conclusion of his term as a county legislator. Dr. Weinstein's election last month to a four-year term as a member of the Amherst Town Board will open yet another new chapter in his public life. As a former local elected official myself, I can attest to the challenges that these positions pose. I thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me this opportunity to honor Dr. Weinstein's past service and ask you and the rest of our colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Weinstein the very best of health and success in the years to come.

HONORING ALEXANDER MALLONEE

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2007*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with great pleasure to honor a labor leader in my district who has done so much to protect peo-

ple's rights. Alexander Mallonee is retiring after 30 years with the United States Postal Service, including more than 25 years with the National Association of Letter Carriers, NALC, and almost 10 years with the North Bay Labor Council. Since he first joined the union, Alex has demonstrated a calm, caring and respectful approach to addressing the issues facing members of the National Association of Letter Carriers and of the labor council.

Alex didn't set out to be a labor leader. In fact, he was attending San Francisco State University for a master's degree in English when his life changed. As his wife, Kathy Farrelly, remembers it, he was studying in the library in the fall of 1969 when there seemed to be some sort of commotion outside. People raced out of the building, so Alex went to the terrace to take a look. What he saw was the school quad filled with police toting bullhorns and billy sticks to break up a student demonstration.

A command squad rushed up the stairs, Kathy continues, stating simply, "He got hit over the head with a baton."

There he was, an innocent bystander, unconscious, his head bleeding onto the cement, and a cop looming over him with a club in his raised hand. It was a perfect picture of the times, and a photographer who happened to be there snapped it for the cover of Rolling Stone and for Newsweek magazine.

"I think that's what launched him into social advocacy," Kathy says. "It was a colossal injustice."

From that decision evolved a life devoted to advocating for free speech and human rights. Alex gave up the idea of teaching Victorian literature and instead, because he needed to make a living, became a letter carrier. "He quickly joined the union and became active," Kathy notes. And from that decision came his involvement in labor issues. Soon thereafter, in 1980, he became president of the local branch. He has been re-elected every two years since.

As always, Kathy says, his motivating force has been a search for justice.

"There are so many crises we have handled," explains Jerry Andersen, vice president of Branch 183 of the NALC. "He just doesn't lose his cool."

At the same time, Alex works to protect people's rights, he takes time to teach people, Andersen adds. "A lot of management in the postal service have learned from him."

Alex is one of those people who makes a difference quietly. He doesn't seek glory for himself, but gets satisfaction from doing a good job. In fact, he becomes embarrassed by pomp and circumstance, Andersen notes. Fortunately for Alex, he doesn't need ceremonies to recognize his authority. He has the respect of those he works with and those who work for him.

Kathy, who is retiring as well from her long career as counsel to Sonoma County, says she doubts either one of them will sit back and watch the world go by. Alex will keep on with the letter carriers union for a while, she expects, and with his efforts to make labor unions more a part of an overall progressive movement that includes the environment and affordable housing.

And of course, as an avid cyclist, he will spend more time enjoying the stunning bike trails of northern California.

But the impact of his life protecting workers' rights will live on in Sonoma County. So, too,

will the philosophy he and his wife share and live—that no one can afford to ignore justice that goes awry.

Madam Speaker, Alex Mallonee's advocacy for just causes has meant a lot to me over the years. Because of this and especially because of his life and legacy to the people of Sonoma County, I am proud to honor him on his retirement.

## TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EXTENSION

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, with the loss of approximately three million manufacturing jobs in the United States since 2001, many families know the effects of increased foreign imports and the outsourcing of their jobs all too well. HCTC was created to ensure that our constituents who lost these good manufacturing jobs would still be able to afford health insurance for themselves and their families. It is unjust for our constituents who have lost these jobs to additionally endure lost or inadequate health insurance because it is unaffordable.

Unfortunately the spouse of the wage earner will suffer the devastating loss of this needed financial assistance to obtain health care coverage when the qualifying wage earner becomes Medicare eligible. The current eligibility requirements for the HCTC program leave a Medicare ineligible spouse without continued assistance under the HCTC, which in far too many cases means being left entirely without health care insurance.

I am pleased that language was included in H.R. 3920, the Trade and Globalization Act of 2007, a bill to reauthorize the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act that corrects this loophole and ensures that spouses and widows will remain eligible for the HCTC. The House of Representatives passed H.R. 3920 on October 31, 2007; however, this bill has not yet become public law. Consequently, today the House will consider an extension of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act through March 31, 2007.

As our constituents wait for H.R. 3920 to become law, there are still those who are losing their eligibility for the HCTC and in danger of losing health care coverage for their spouses. As more wage earners approach Medicare eligibility, they fear for the well-being of their spouses and incur mounting stress and anxiety. Passage of this legislation is urgently needed to put an end to these hardships. An extension of the current Trade Adjustment Assistance Act will not ensure that our deserving constituents remain eligible for the HCTC. I urge this body to make certain that the reauthorization of Trade Adjustment Assistance is passed into public law in the urgent manner necessary to protect hard-working Americans.